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1. THANKS TO SPLIT IN OPPOSITION PARTY RANKS AS RESULT OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY'S DECISION TO JOIN RULING LDP IN RESUMING DIET SESSIONS IN ORDER TO PASS FY-76 BUDGET, SOHYO NOW APPARENTLY UNABLE TO MOUNT MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND STRIKES CENTERING AROUND LOCKHEED ISSUE IN MID-APRIL. PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS, LED BY NATIONAL RAILROAD WORKERS, HAVE NOW DECIDED TO POSTPONE NEXT MAJOR ROUND OF STRIKES UNTIL APRIL 20-22, WHEN THEY PROMISE 72-HOUR NATIONWIDE "GENERAL TRANSPORTATION STRIKE," SUPPORTED BY PRIVATE RAILWAY UNIONS (WHO NOW PLANNING A SEPARATE HALF DAY STRIKE ON APRIL 14).

2. STEEL, AUTO, ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS NOW SCHEDULED TO MAKE WAGE OFFERS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO METAL WORKERS UNION ON APRIL 14. MEDIA CARRYING INSPIRED UNCLASSIFIED

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LEASES FROM STEEL MANAGEMENT THAT IT WILL BE

UNAVLE TO OFFER MORE THAN 8 PERCENT INCREASE. TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE STRENGTHENED METAL WORKERS BARGAINING POSITION. IN REPORTING FEBRUARY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE OF 2.04 PERCENT RELEASED BY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MEDIA HAS DOWN-PLAYED FACT THAT IT REPRESENTS DECLINE, ALTHOUGH SLIGHT, FROM JANUARY 2.08 PERCENT FIGURE AND HAS INSTEAD EMPHASIZED CONTINUATION OF HIGH (FOR JAPAN) UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. IN ADDITION, STEEL COMPANY SOURCES ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT PRC HAS SUDDENLY POSTPONED NEGOTIATIONS FOR IMPORT OF ADDITIONAL 1.5-2 MILLION TONS OF JAPANESE STEEL.

3. DOMEI AFFILIATED SEAMEN'S UNION (KAIIN) APPEARS HEADED FOR STRIKE VOTE BY APRIL 20, BUT ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE IN KAIIN, UNION ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT CALL STRIKE THIS YEAR.  
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